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SUBJECT: PASSEX EXERCISE IN FEBRUARY, 1978

REF: (A) TAIPEI 7098, (B) STATE 287739, (C) STATE 211939

1. TDC COMMANDER INFORMED EMBASSY THIS MORNING THAT
CINCPAC HAD TURNED DOWN TDC'S REQUEST (DETAILS IN
REFERENCE A) FOR A BLUESKY EXERCISE ON FEBRUARY 19, 1978.
NO REASON FOR THE TURN DOWN WAS GIVEN.

2. TDC NOW ASKING THAT EMBASSY APPROVE A PASSEX, TO BE
HELD SSE OF TAIWAN ON FEBRUARY 11, 1978. U.S. PARTICIPANTS
WOULD INCLUDE AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER, FOUR AIRCRAFT (A-6'S
AND F-4'S), AND THREE OR FOUR DESTROYERS OR FRIGATES.
ROC PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE TWO OR THREE DESTROYERS.
EXERCISE WOULD GIVE BOTH SIDES AND OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK
THEIR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND DO SOME AIR TRACKING
AND SHIP MANEUVERING. TDC SAYS IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO
SCHEDULE THIS PASSEX AT THE SAME TIME AS THE FEBRUARY 1-4
EAGLE/LARK.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT APPROVE
THIS EXERCISE. UNLIKE THE BLUESKY PLANNED FOR
FEBRUARY 19, THE PASSEX IS NOT A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY
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EXERCISE. IT WOULD BE SHORT IN DURATION (8 TO 12
HOURS), AWAY FROM TAIWAN STRAIT AREA, AND WOULD
INVOLVE FEW AIRCRAFT.

4. THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSION WITH ROC OF THIS
PROPOSED PASSEX WITHOUT WASHINGTON APPROVAL PER
REFERENCE C.

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